

TEMPERATURE INDICATING ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS AND METHODS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems, apparatus, and methods for monitoring temperature at a region near a surgical site during a procedure. A temperature-indicating element of an electrosurgical device comprises an indicator composition adapted to undergo a change in appearance in response to a pre-defined temperature range. The change in appearance of the temperature-indicating element indicates to the operator of the device a temperature condition at the working end of the device.